

# Speakers headed for state

By CHELSEY BLACK

The 2001 Decatur Community High School speech team has a real shot at placing as a team at the State Speech Tournament, according to Coach Leigh Davis.

A full team will be competing in Wichita on May 5 for individual titles, but also for a team title.

The championship team includes Allie Moore and Theresa Smith in prose interpretation. Allie will also be competing in poetry interpretation along with Corey Fortin.

The teams of Corey and Andrea Bailey, Dani Dorshorst and Kelsey Dorshorst, Theresa Smith and Jess Elwood, and Ben Bryan and Bayley Bryan will be competing in duet acting.

Greta Wendelin and Brent Smith have qualified in humorous solo acting, and Wendy Fossum and Andrea Marshall have qualified in serious solo acting.

Ben and Joy Eldridge, Andrea B. and Jantje Kramer, and Jess and Greta will compete in improvised duet acting.



**PERFORMING A HUMOROUS SKIT** Jess Elwood and Teresa Smith showed their winning style to the Oberlin Rotary Club last week.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Ramsey Meitl will be competing in informative speaking.

The state championship-bound students qualified for state by placing at the top at an invitational during the regular season.

Students participating at state festival will also be competing in Wichita on May 5. They will be performing for the top rating of a I.

The festival team includes Dane

Anderson in extemporaneous speaking and prose, Sarah Olson and Jessi Stanley in duet acting and in prose;

Leslie Marcuson in poetry interpretation, Kelsey Jackson in original oration and informative speaking; Brianna May in original oration; Laci Lechlitter in informative speaking, and Quintin Cundiff in prose interpretation.

Students qualified for the state festival

by finishing in second through fifth place at an invitational, depending on the size of the tournament.

"The speech team has had a very successful year," said Coach Davis, "and we are looking forward to the state tournament and festival."

She also said that she thinks the team can place within the top six, but individually they should do even better.

Voice of Decatur Community High School

# Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff

## Speech team does well at regional tournament

By KIMIA BUNDGARD

The speech team brought home seven I's and four II's from the regional speech meeting on April 21.

Earning I's and qualifying for state speech festival were Laci Lechlitter, informative speaking; Dane Anderson, extemporaneous speaking and

prose, Jessi Stanley, prose; and Andrea Marshall, poetry and serious solo acting. Jessi and Sarah Olson received a I on their duet.

Receiving II's were Brianna May, oration; Laci Lechlitter, prose; Kara Richards, poetry; and Zach Scott, humorous solo.

## D-Club initiates new members

By COURTNEY SCOTT

Sweaty palms and racing hearts were a common occurrence during the D-Club initiation on April 5.

The initiation was to "welcome" new lettermen to the club.

Initiated were Chris Barth, Brett Beinke and Logan Glaze for football, Kelsey Dorshorst, Brianna May, Sarah Ruf and Krickit Steinmetz for volleyball, Krista Fowler, Brandon Metcalf and Keely Witt for cross country, Kenyon Badsky and Scott Harmon for wrestling and Lindsay Fortin, Aaron Ploussard and Abby Ream for basketball.

As a part of initiations, the inductees

had to carry around something that symbolized the sport in which they lettered; for example, basketball players carried a basketball and cross country runners carried a shoe.

During homeroom they were made to do several conditioning drills such as bear crawls and the wheel barrow. Following this, the inductees had to serve the members of D-Club refreshments in the study hall area.

All day the inductees were made to army crawl through the doorways and carry their symbol or suffer the consequences of giving gum to any D-Club member who saw them.

## Students choose cheerleaders

By COURTNEY SCOTT

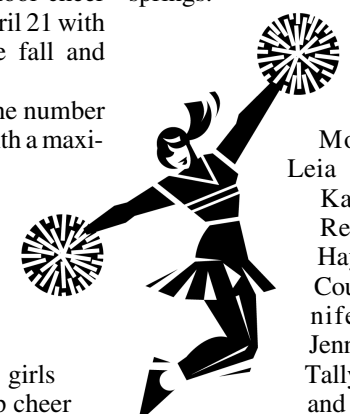
Got spirit? Tryouts for the high school cheerleading squad were held April 21 with 16 girls trying out for the fall and winter seasons.

The coaches determine the number of cheerleaders per squad with a maximum of 10 per season.

To prepare the cheerleader candidates for tryouts, two optional practices were held. Required practices were then held all day Saturday to learn the dances and cheers for tryouts. The girls were required to do a group cheer and dance, individual chant, jumps

and any additional skills — such as splits, cart wheels, roundoffs or hand springs.

Next year's cheerleaders will be Elizabeth Boyd, Molly Coleman, Leia Depperschmidt, Kamy Diederich, Rebecca Nichols, Hayley Robertson, Courtney Scott, Jennifer Stallman, Jennie Swart, Megan Tally, Katelyn Unger and Keely Witt.



## School Menus

May 7-11

### OBERLIN HIGH

Monday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Chicken strips, fries, roll, green beans. Tuesday—Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, juice. Lunch:

Chili crispto, cherry bread square, corn. Wednesday—Breakfast: Cereal, juice. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, roll, peas. Thursday—Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice. Lunch: BBQ beef, fries, corn

Friday—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice. Lunch: Lasagna, roll, green beans. All lunches are served with milk, salad bar, relishes and fruit.

### OBERLIN ELEMENTARY

Monday—Breakfast: Bagel with cream, cheese or peanut butter, fruit. Lunch: Burrito. Tuesday—Breakfast: Cereal, fruit. Lunch: Beef nuggets.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit. Lunch: Hot dogs. Thursday—Breakfast: Waffle, sausage patty, fruit. Lunch: Grades 1-3: sack lunch. Grades 4-6: popcorn chicken. Friday—Breakfast: French toast, half orange. Lunch: Grades 1-3: popcorn

chicken. Grades 4-6: sack lunch. All lunches served with milk and choice bar.

### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday—Pizza, breadsticks, tropical fruit, cookies. Tuesday—Macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll, fruit. Wednesday—Chicken cordon bleu, chips, apple crisp. Thursday—Corn, dings, green beans, roll, fruit. Friday—Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, fruit. All meals are served with milk and salad bar.

### HERNDON

Monday—Hamburgers, fries, fruit, cookie. Tuesday—Spaghetti, bread stix, fruit, cookie. Wednesday—Snocapped hot dogs, corn, fruit, cookie. Thursday—Sloppy joes, spuds, corn, fruit, cookie. Friday—Ham sandwich, potato salad, baked beans fruit, cookie. All meals served with milk.



## Public Concert

7 p.m.  
Tuesday  
City Park

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## Decatur County Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rotary, Noon, Gateway  State FFA  <b>Oberlin Invitational Track Meet 3:30 p.m.</b>	2  Norcatour Rebekahs  AA, ambulance barn 7:30 p.m.	3 Oberlin Golf at Colby Oberlin Junior High Track at St. Francis  Decatur County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., museum; City Council meeting, Gateway, 6:30 p.m.; American Legion Board meeting, 7 p.m.	4  Gift Anthology Committee Meeting, Oberlin School District Weeds & Seeds Garden Group, Wheat Ridge Terrace, 7 p.m.	5  State Speech Festival and Tournament in Wichita  American Legion open to public
6  Attend the Church of Your Choice  <b>Piano Recital Gateway</b>	7 Oberlin Track & Golf at Hill City <b>Grades 5-8 Band Concert</b>  Jennings School Board Bingo at American Legion 6 p.m.	8 <b>High School Band Concert 7:30 p.m.</b> Meth Lab Informational meeting, 7 p.m. Rotary, Noon, Gateway Weight Watchers, 6 p.m. Oberlin Clinic meeting room Business/Professional Women meeting, Gateway, Noon	9 Oberlin Business Alliance meeting, LandMark, Noon; Convention Visitors Bureau meeting, 6 p.m.; Legion Auxiliary meeting, 7:30; AA, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m.; Sappa Manor Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Norcatour Royal Neighbors; Forensics Awards, 5:30 p.m.	10 Chamber of Commerce meeting, Noon American Legion work day to inspect, repair flags & crosses Junior High Track at Hoxie Royal Neighbors meet at Golden Age Center, 4 p.m. <b>Elementary School Fun Day</b> City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11  Northwest Kansas League Track at Atwood at 3 p.m. Northwest Kansas League Golf at Oakley at 3 p.m. Elementary School Track Day 4-6	12 <b>Oberlin Prom at The Gateway 7 p.m.</b>  American Legion open to public
13  Attend the Church of Your Choice Alice Bobbitt Open House for her 81st birthday at American Legion Good Samaritan Family and Resident potluck	14 Oberlin Lions, 7 p.m. Med. Arts Bldg. Norcatour Rebekahs Regional High School Golf <b>Decatur Community High Open House</b> Oberlin Board of Education meeting 7:30 p.m. First Hands Friendship Tea 2:30 p.m., Good Samaritan	15  Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, Oberlin Clinic meeting room, 6 p.m. <b>Music Awards and Vocal Concert 6:30 p.m.</b> Good Samaritan Soup Supper and Staff/Volunteer Night	16 <b>Decatur Community High School Awards Assembly 1:30 p.m.</b>	17  City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	18 KMO Computer Bow Good Samaritan Cookout for staff and residents, noon  <b>2A Regional Track Meet at Oberlin 4 p.m.</b>	19  American Legion open to the public  Auction at The Gateway
20 <b>Decatur Community High Graduation 2:30 p.m.</b>  Singles dance American Legion	21 Hospital Board meeting at 7 p.m. City Library Board Meeting Bingo at American Legion at 6 p.m.  State Golf Tournament Junior High Awards and Vocal Program 6:30 p.m.	22  Rotary, Gateway, Noon  Weight Watchers, Oberlin Clinic meeting room, 6 p.m.	23  Economic Development Council meeting, Gateway, 7 p.m. AA meeting, ambulance barn, 7:30 p.m. Norcatour Royal Neighbors meeting	24 <b>Chamber Coffee Hour Metcalf Realty 9-11 a.m.</b>  American Legion meeting 7:30 to assemble flags	25  Elementary School Awards Assembly Last day of classes  State Track Meet <b>Alumni Dance at American Legion 8 p.m.</b>	26  American Legion open to public  <b>Alumni Banquet at The Gateway 7 p.m.</b>
27  Attend the Church of Your Choice	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> Avenue of Flags installation 6 a.m. Celebration at Cemetery 10 a.m.	29  Rotary Gateway, Noon	30  State FFA Convention <b>Red Cross Training at The Gateway</b>	31  State FFA Convention		

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